

[Ex-Amtrak clerk gets 20 years in disability fraud](#)

Sacramento Bee - Jun 21, 2103

SAN DIEGO -- A former Amtrak clerk who's been on the run since January has been sentenced in absentia after being convicted of faking injuries and receiving more than \$650,000 in disability and insurance payments.

[New technology can charge a bus in 15 seconds](#)

The Transit Wire Jun 19, 2013

“Through flash charging, we are able to pilot a new generation of electric buses for urban mass transport that no longer relies on overhead lines,” said Claes Ryttoft, ABB’s acting chief technology officer, in a statement. “This project will pave the way for switching to more flexible, cost-effective, public transport infrastructure while reducing pollution and noise.”

Could this be also used on Trains? NB

[Company preparing to sell tickets for Las Vegas party train](#)

VEGAS INC- Jun 18, 2013

Officials with Las Vegas Railway Express said they would roll out X Train Vacations to book travel on the Vegas X Train, scheduled to begin ...

[Museum Offers Daytrip Aboard Two Historic Rail Cars](#)

Santa Maria Times- Jun 22, 2103

During one weekend in late June, local rail fans and history buffs will have a special opportunity to enjoy the experience of riding two historic American railcars during two scenic one-day roundtrip excursions up the coast to San Luis Obispo. This “Vintage Rail Sampler” event is organized and sponsored by the South Coast Railroad Museum.

[LA Breaks Driving Addiction as Bike-Train Commutes Grow](#)

Businessweek- Jun 19, 2013

While the new-car market has rebounded from the recession, Los Angeles County had 28,000 fewer passenger cars registered in 2012 than five years earlier, according to California Department of Motor Vehicles data. Boardings on the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority’s buses and trains increased 4.7 percent to 41.3 million in May 2013, compared with May 2011. Authority officials plan to spend \$14 billion to accelerate that shift.

[Here's Metro's Latest Plan For Speeding Up LA Rail Projects](#)

LA Curbed Jun 20, 2013

Metro is going to Plan D in their effort to build projects like the Purple Line Extension and 405 transit line before we all croak. This iteration (different from the 30/10 plan/America Fast Forward federal plan) would have Metro borrow \$9.4 billion via a variety of federal loans, bonds, and public-private partnerships to build five transit projects more quickly

[LAX and West LA needs Rail Passenger Service](#)

By Noel T. Braymer

The old Pacific Electric may be the answer. From Watts Junction off of the old 4 track mainline is a branch of the old PE still in use which heads west to El Segundo just south of LAX.

[Metro breaks ground on new Bob Hope Airport-Hollywood Way ...](#)

Burbank Leader- Jun 21, 2103

For the first time ever, a Metrolink train stopped at San Fernando Road and Hollywood Way on Friday.

The people who disembarked were there to proclaim many future stops at the intersection, the site of a new station on the Antelope Valley line.

[Metrolink chief orders 'health risk assessment' of maintenance facility](#)

Progressive Rail Roading-Jun 18, 2013

Metrolink will commission a health risk assessment (HRA) of the agency's Central Maintenance Facility in Los Angeles to determine emission ...

[Commuter Rail Ridership Declining Despite Increase in Lines](#)

Governing Jun 20, 2013

Though the number of rail lines has jumped, the number of people riding them has fallen. The solution, as New York City found, is bumping up service....

The answer to commuter rail's problem may sound counterintuitive, but it involves more service. That's what New York City's Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) discovered last year. After watching ridership decline for decades on its Metro-North Railroad line, the MTA added more off-peak and weekend service, as well as another 187 trains, representing the most ambitious service expansion in its 30-year history. As a result, ridership has grown robustly.
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[Xerox Helps Transit Riders TAP Their Way Across Southern ...](#)

DailyFinance- Jun 20, 2013

Passengers can buy TAP tickets from any of the 118 Xerox-managed ticket vending machines (TVMs) found throughout Southern California

If you are not a big fan of TAP or other forms of plastic card ticketing this is who you can hold responsible. NB

[Rail fans taking first NASCAR express](#)

Santa Rosa Press Democrat-Jun 17, 2013

Passenger train service itself has become a rarity in Sonoma County, where regular service ended in 1958.

This train has room for 500 passengers and was nearly sold out earlier this week, so the train fanatics, sometimes described as "mileage collectors," are a small minority of the riders.

[Police talk man off ledge, Caltrain service remains disrupted](#)

San Mateo Daily Journal-Jun 17, 2013

Caltrain service was shut down this evening as police talked a man with a knife down from a ledge near Caltrain's 22nd Street station in San ...

[Could a New Neighborhood Grow in the Shadow of I-280?](#)

Curbed SF- Jun 17, 2013

the 280 will touch down onto 7th Street between 17th and Mariposa and seamlessly transition into a thoroughfare that bridges the divide between Mission Bay, Potrero Hill, SoMa, and a brand new neighborhood at 4th and King. All the while, newly-electrified Caltrain and high-speed rail cars will travel underground en route to the Transbay Transit Center.

[Caltrain Electrification and Changes in Mountain View](#)

Streetsblog San Francisco (blog)- Jun 19, 2013

Caltrain electrification is moving ahead and is expected to be implemented by 2019. What does this mean for upcoming decisions, ...

[Caltrain experienced major delays due to fire above tunnel](#)

San Jose Mercury News - June 22, 2013

SAN FRANCISCO -- Caltrain experienced major delays and trains were diverted to other stations after a fire was reported on top of a tunnel near Paul Avenue about 3 p.m.

[North County transit fares to hold steady](#)

U-T San Diego- Jun 21, 2013

Fares on North County's Coaster trains and Breeze buses will hold steady for the third year in a row, transit leaders said this week.

The North County Transit District cut prices in 2011, lowering one-way Coaster rides by \$1 and bus fares by \$0.25. The cost of monthly passes and Lift paratransit service was also trimmed at the time.

[North County Transit District: Free Wi-Fi service is back on the Coaster -](#)

Southwest Riverside County News Jun 20, 2013

North County Transit District is pleased to announce that the free Wi-Fi service on the Coaster is once again up and running.



This is a view from Wilshire Blvd at La Cienega Blvd near the border of the cities of Los Angeles and Beverly Hills. By 2023 the first extension of the Purple Line of 4 miles is expected to reach La Cienega from Western Ave. To give an ideal how needed rail transit is in this corridor notice the 4 Metro Rapid Buses in red bunched together. These express buses are suppose to run roughly 10 minutes apart but even in mid-day it is difficult to do in heavy traffic. Photo by Noel T. Braymer

[RailPAC President Paul Dyson and VP North Art Lloyd announce that the 2013 Meeting will be Saturday, October 5 in San Francisco! Save the date! Time, reservation info and speakers to be announced.](#)
[Location: Port of San Francisco Community Room, Pier 40, Embarcadero, San Francisco, next to the ballpark.](#)